



US army officers with the 101st Airborne Division pay their respects by the boots, gun, helmet and dog-tags of US army First Lieutenant Todd W Weaver displayed during a memorial ceremony in his honour at Combat Outpost Terra Nova on the outskirts the Arghandab Valley's Jellawar village yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

## Gillard sworn in as Australian prime minister

BBC ONLINE

Australia's Prime Minister Julia Gillard has been sworn into office, making her the first woman elected to the post in the nation's history.

She called an election after ousting former PM Kevin Rudd in an internal Labor party revolt in June.

Last month's poll produced a hung parliament, forcing Ms Gillard to seek the backing of independents and Greens to form a government.

Mr Rudd has been sworn in as foreign minister.

"I, Julia Eileen Gillard, do solemnly and sincerely affirm and declare that I will loyally serve the Commonwealth of Australia in the office of prime minister," she said in the ceremony in the Australian capital, Canberra.

Her cabinet includes her deputy, Treasurer Wayne Swan, and former pop star Peter Garrett, who switches from environment to education. Former Foreign Minister Stephen Smith moves to defence.

Analysts say her majority of one in the 150-seat lower house of parliament will force Ms Gillard to negotiate issue-by-issue with the opposition Liberals.

# Ballots better than bullets

Says UN envoy on Afghan polls

AFP, Kabul

Afghanistan's parliamentary election this Saturday will prove to war-weary Afghans that ballots are better than bullets for resolving conflict, the UN envoy to the country has told AFP.

Staffan de Mistura said in an interview that cancelling the vote -- already twice postponed -- would hand a victory to the Taliban, as the war intensifies and insurgents act on threats to attack candidates and their supporters.

Millions of Afghans are to go to the polls to elect the 249 members of the lower house, the Wolesi Jirga, in the country's second parliamentary election since the 2001 US-led invasion overthrew the Taliban.

More than 2,500 candidates are standing and 68 seats are allocated to women.

"What hangs on these elections is the perception by the national community that democracy is a difficult embryonic process but it's something that moves forward," de Mistura told AFP.

"In other words, ballots are a better way to solve issues than bullets."

The elections were also important "for the international community to feel that they are using their treasure and, unfortunately, also blood for a cause that is linked to democratic values," he said.

The United States and NATO have around

150,000 troops in the country, fighting a nine-year Taliban insurgency.

More than 500 foreign troops have been killed this year, with Western public support for the war waning over the heavy losses and allegations of corruption at the highest levels of the Afghan government.

The Taliban have warned that anyone associated with the poll is a target and have been blamed for killing at least three candidates.

"Ideally in a normal world there could have been a better time for these elections, no doubt, because we are in Afghanistan at a very critical period," de Mistura said.

"However if the elections did not take place, the constitution would have been weakened and the current parliament would have lost its tenure."

"The message would have been given, which the anti-government forces are stating, that in fact democracy has no future in Afghanistan," he said.

"The context is this is a country which has a major conflict at a crucial time. So the very fact that they are taking place is quite a miracle. It couldn't be a worse possible time in order to prove the best possible result."

The Afghan government is organising the poll, which is being bankrolled to the tune of 150 million dollars by the West, a foreign official said.

## US drone strikes kill 15 in Pakistan

AFP, Pakistan

Missiles fired by US drones in two attacks yesterday killed 15 militants in Pakistan's tribal badlands, with 11 strikes targeting the lawless Afghan border area in 11 days, officials said.

In the first attack, officials said, four missiles hit a compound in Bushnarai village in Shawal district of North Waziristan, where Al-Qaeda-linked and Taliban fighters have carved out strongholds beyond government control. "Eleven militants were killed in today's drone attack," a senior Pakistani security official in the area told AFP on condition of anonymity, updating an earlier toll for the first attack.

He described the area as a stronghold of Arab militants and said there were reports that "foreigners" -- a term for Al-Qaeda operatives in Pakistan -- were among the dead but said the nationalities of the dead had not been confirmed.

Another security official confirmed that the remains of 11 people had been pulled out of the compound's wreckage. US drones carried out low-level flights in different areas of North Waziristan, including Shawal where the first strike took place this morning, the second security official told AFP.

Shawal district is more than 300 kilometres (190 miles) from Pakistan's capital Islamabad, headquarters of the country's civilian government.

The area is a stronghold of Pakistani Taliban warlord Hafiz Gul Bahadur and is populated by Arab fighters.

The second drone attack took place in Qutabkhal village in the outskirts of Miranshah on yesterday evening, killing four militants, officials said, bringing the day's toll to 15.

"A US drone fired two missiles on a vehicle carrying militants outside Miranshah," a senior security official told AFP.

"At least four militants were killed in the attack," the official said, adding that the identities of the militants were not immediately known.

A fresh surge in US missile strikes has killed 64 militants since September 3 in Pakistan's northwestern tribal belt, which Washington has branded a global headquarters of Al-Qaeda and the most dangerous spot on Earth.

### Invitation for International Tender

#### RURAL POWER COMPANY LIMITED

Sealed tender is hereby invited from the bonafide manufacturer/ supplier for the under mentioned item(s) with the following conditions:

1	Agency	Rural Power Company Limited
2	Invitation for	Tenders for Engineering, Design, Manufacturing, Inspection, Supply, Installation, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 20 MW [+25% ~ -10%] DUAL FUEL RAOZAN POWER PLANT at NOAPARA, RAOZAN, CHITTAGONG, on Turnkey basis
3	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method: Single Stage Two separate envelop (Technical & Financial) System.

#### FUNDING INFORMATION

4	Budget and Source of Funds	RPCL's own fund
5	Tender Starting Selling Date & Time	15.09.2010 10:00 AM
6	Tender Last Selling Date & Time	26.10.2010 04:30 PM
7	Tender Closing Date and Time	27.10.2010 12 Noon
8	Tender Opening Date and Time	27.10.2010 12.30 PM
9	Name & Address of the office(s)	Address: Rural Power Company Limited, House No.-19, Road No.-1/B, Sector No.-09, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka- 1230, Bangladesh.

#### INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

10	Eligibility of Tenderer	Tenders will only be considered from internationally reputed firms or consortium who are actually engaged and experienced in the lines of work described herein. The tenderer himself and/or lead partner of JVCA having minimum 51% stake shall have experience in complete design, manufacturing, supply, erection, installation, testing and commissioning of Power Stations/Plants as mentioned in Clause 5 of Instructions to Tenderers
11	Validity of Tender and Tender Security	150 (One hundred fifty) days and 178 (one hundred seventy eight) days respectively from the date of opening of tender.
12	Brief Description of Works/ Services	Complete engineering, design, manufacturing, inspection, testing, supply, delivery to the site, site preparation, shifting of existing establishments or infrastructure (if required), related civil and building works, installation, erection, testing & commissioning of 20 MW [+25% ~ -10%] DUAL FUEL RAOZAN POWER PLANT at NOAPARA, RAOZAN, CHITTAGONG. [Capacity of each identical unit is not less than 5 MW and maximum up to 11 MW] at Site conditions of 35°C, 1.013 bar, 98% R.H., including necessary auxiliaries and ancillaries on Turnkey basis as stated in the scope of work of the Tender document. The Tenderer shall also provide 2 (two) years warranty period for the entire work. The Engine Generating sets to be procured on Dual fuel operation basis, where present operation will be on HFO, but the engine is to be designed and capable to operate on gas as available.

Lot No.	Tender Enquiry No.	Tender Name	Price of Tender Document (non-refundable) (BDT)	Tender Security Amount	Time of completion of commissioning from the effective date of contract
1	Pur-003/2010	Construction of 20 MW [+25% ~ -10%] DUAL FUEL RAOZAN POWER PLANT at NOAPARA, RAOZAN, CHITTAGONG	10,000	USD 150,000 or equivalent amount of BDT	450 days

13. Tender Document: The Tender Document may be purchased by the interested tenderers on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non refundable fee. The method of payment will be by Pay order / demand draft in favor of Rural Power Company Limited.

14. Tender Security: An irrevocable and unconditional bank guarantee must be issued by any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh or by a Foreign Bank duly endorsed by a scheduled Bank in Bangladesh payable in favor of Rural Power Company Ltd.

16. Special Instruction: Tenders submitted by Fax, Telex, Swift, Cable, E-mail & by post/courier shall not be accepted. The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept any or reject any/ all tenders prior to acceptance without assigning any reason.

15. Address: Rural Power Company Limited, House No.-19, Road No.-1/B, Sector No.-09, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka- 1230, Bangladesh. Phone: +88-02-8912274, Fax: +88-02-8922526, E-mail: rpcmd@dhaka.net, rpcdt@dhaka.net, Web: rpcpl.org.bd

Company Secretary  
Rural Power Company Limited

## Ten killed, three lakh displaced in Assam flood

IANS, Guwahati

At least 10 people were killed and about 3 lakh displaced in flash floods and landslides triggered by heavy rains in the northeastern states of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh.

Heavy rains triggered mudslides and flooding in at least three districts of Arunachal Pradesh, washing away bridges, huts and school buildings, besides devastating agriculture crops, a government spokesperson said.

"The devastation caused by the floods and landslides has been extensive with eight people already killed in incidents of house collapse due to landslides, besides snapping road links in many areas," Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Dorjee Khandu told IANS.

In adjoining Assam, two people were killed in the past three days of flooding in which about 3 lakh people were displaced spread over 250 villages in the four districts of Lakhimpur, Dhemaji, Golaghat and Bongaigaon.

### হিউম্যান রিসোর্সেস ডিপার্টমেন্ট

(রিজুটমেন্ট এন্ড আউটসোর্সিং উইং)

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#### সহকারী পরিচালক (জেনারেল সাইড) পদে নিয়োগের জন্য লিখিত পরীক্ষার সময়সূচী।

বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকে "সহকারী পরিচালক (জেনারেল সাইড)" পদে নিয়োগের নিমিত্তে ০১ ঘন্টা ব্যাপী MCQ Test ও ০২ ঘন্টা ব্যাপী লিখিত পরীক্ষা ঢাকা শহরের বিভিন্ন কেন্দ্রে আগামী ২৪/০৯/২০১০ তারিখ সকাল ০৯:০০টা হতে ১২:০০টা পর্যন্ত গ্রহণ করা হবে।

লিখিত পরীক্ষার প্রবেশপত্র ইতোমধ্যে প্রার্থীদের বর্তমান ঠিকানায় প্রেরণ করা হয়েছে। বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের ওয়েবসাইটে (www.bangladeshbank.org.bd) প্রার্থীদের তথ্যাদি প্রদর্শিত হচ্ছে। প্রবেশপত্র না পেলে সংশ্লিষ্ট প্রার্থীকে আগামী ২২/০৯/২০১০ হতে ২৩/০৯/২০১০ তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস সময়ের মধ্যে ট্র্যাকিং নম্বরসহ হিউম্যান রিসোর্সেস ডিপার্টমেন্ট, রিজুটমেন্ট এন্ড আউটসোর্সিং উইং, বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক, প্রধান কার্যালয়, ঢাকায় (প্রধান ভবনের ৬ষ্ঠ-তলা) যোগাযোগ করে ডুপ্লিকেট কার্ড সংগ্রহের পরামর্শ দেয়া যাচ্ছে।

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### Army Headquarters

E in C's Branch  
Works Directorate  
Dhaka Cantonment

## Invitation for Pre-Qualification

### Construction of BMA Bangabandhu Complex (10 Storey with 10 Storied Foundation) Including Ancillary Works at BMA Bhatiyari Chittagong.

Invitation Ref No. 600/15/06/2010-2011/E-6 Dated: 06 September 2010

#### Military Engineer Services

1.	Ministry/Division	: Ministry of Defence.												
2.	Agency	: Military Engineer Services.												
3.	Procuring entity name	: E in C.												
4.	Procuring entity district	: Dhaka.												
5.	Invitation for	: Pre-qualification of contractors for construction of BMA Bangabandhu Complex (10 storey with 10 storied foundation) including ancillary works at BMA Bhatiyari Chittagong.												
6.	Procurement method	: Open Tendering Method (OTM) through pre-qualification.												
7.	Budget and source of funds	: GOB, Development Budget.												
8.	Development partners	: None.												
9.	Project/programme name	: Construction of BMA Bangabandhu Complex at BMA Bhatiyari Chittagong.												
10.	Selling of pre-qualification documents start on	: 15 September 2010 (from 12:00 hours to 1430 hours).												
11.	Selling of pre-qualification documents close on	: 06 October 2010 (from 12:00 hours to 1430 hours).												
12.	Pre-qualification documents submission date and time	: 07 October 2010 at 12:00 hours.												
13.	Name & address of the office(s)	: - Selling pre-qualification documents : a. AHQ, E in C's Branch, Works Directorate, Dhaka Cantt and Tender Selling & Information Centre of Wks Dte at GE (Army) Project Dhaka. b. DW & CE (Navy)/(Air). - Receiving pre-qualification documents : Tender Selling & Information Centre of Wks Dte at GE (Army) Project Dhaka. - Opening pre-qualification documents : 07 October 2010 at 1230 hours.												
14.	Date, place, time of pre-qualification, pre-submission meeting	: 30 September 2010, AHQ, E in C's Branch, Works Directorate, Dhaka Cantt at 1000 hours.												
15.	Eligibility of applicant	: This invitation for pre-qualification is open to all enlisted 'A' class contractors' of MES and contractors enlisted equivalent to 'A' class contractor of MES in other government, semi government and autonomous organization having security clearance from DGI and should have following qualification and experience to perform the job: a. Contractors/construction firm should be from Bangladeshi National/Bangladesh. b. The minimum number of years of general experience of contractors/construction firm should be 15 years. c. The minimum specific experience of contractors/construction firm as a prime contractor in construction work of at least two numbers of similar nature complexity and method/construction technology completed over a period of ten years. d. Contractors/construction firm should have successfully completed minimum two 10 storied academic building complex in nature of international standard or similar type of buildings over a period of ten years under any government, semi government and autonomous or private organization in Bangladesh. Note: All relevant documents regarding qualification, experience etc. to be enclosed as per requirement of pre-qualification document which will be issued to applicant.												
16.	Brief description of works:	<table border="1"> <tr> <th>Lot No.</th> <th>Identification of lot</th> <th>Location</th> <th>Completion time in months for works</th> </tr> <tr> <td>a.</td> <td>Construction of BMA Bangabandhu Complex (10 storey with 10 storied foundation) including ancillary works at BMA Bhatiyari Chittagong (Group-I)</td> <td>BMA Bhatiyari Chittagong</td> <td>24 (twenty four) months</td> </tr> <tr> <td>b.</td> <td>Construction of BMA Bangabandhu Complex (10 storey with 10 storied foundation) including ancillary works at BMA Bhatiyari Chittagong (Group-II)</td> <td>BMA Bhatiyari Chittagong</td> <td>24 (twenty four) months</td> </tr> </table>	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Completion time in months for works	a.	Construction of BMA Bangabandhu Complex (10 storey with 10 storied foundation) including ancillary works at BMA Bhatiyari Chittagong (Group-I)	BMA Bhatiyari Chittagong	24 (twenty four) months	b.	Construction of BMA Bangabandhu Complex (10 storey with 10 storied foundation) including ancillary works at BMA Bhatiyari Chittagong (Group-II)	BMA Bhatiyari Chittagong	24 (twenty four) months
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17.	Price of pre-qualification documents	: Tk. 50,000.00												
18.	Name of official inviting pre-qualification	: Actg. Director of Works.												
19.	Designation of official inviting pre-qualification	: Actg. Director of Works.												
20.	Address of official inviting pre-qualification	: Army Headquarters, E in C's Branch, Works Directorate, Dhaka Cantonment Web address: <a href="http://www.army.mil.bd">www.army.mil.bd</a>												
21.	Contact details of official inviting pre-qualification	: Army Headquarters, E in C's Branch, Works Directorate, Dhaka Cantonment Tel No. 8752870, Fax No. 8752906 e-mail address: <a href="mailto:wksdte-so1-wks@army.mil.bd">wksdte-so1-wks@army.mil.bd</a>												

The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all pre-qualification.

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